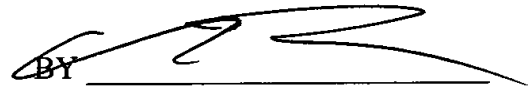


REMARKS

This response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on October 17, 2003. The Office Action is a restriction requirement requiring restriction between eight alleged groups of invention: Group I (Claims 1-14 and 47-50), Group II (Claims 15-46 and 87), Group III (Claims 51-59), Group IV (Claims 60-82), Group V (Claims 83 and 88), Group VI (Claim 84), Group VII (Claim 85), and Group VIII (Claim 86). Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II (Claims 15-46 and 87). Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to the non-elected claims.

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